

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 6, 1977

The County Council meeting was opened by Chairman Phinney with the opening prayer by Mr. Crain. All Members were present.

Minutes of the November 15th meeting were approved upon a motion by Mr. Ables seconded by Mr. Frady and carried.

Purchasing Director Gene Gaillard gave a report of the operations and functions of his department.

Council agreed to hear Melvin Martin, Juvenile Probation Officer who was not on the agenda. Mr. Martin requested Council's help and support to keep the Oconee Youth Bureau in operation. The Agency stands to loose grant monies and may be closed. A motion was made by Mr. Crain seconded by Mr. Thomas and unanimously carried to pass a Resolution in support of the Oconee County Youth Bureau and request the State continue to fund it, with Council agreeing to furnish office space.

The Oconee Childrens Home Governing Board's recommendation for Mrs. Evelyn Phillips to become Director and Mrs. Allie Cox to be named as cook, was approved by a motion by Mr. Cox seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried.

Mr. Moore stated that progress was being made by Mr. Lindsay, S.C. Insurance Commissioner, in getting insurance rebates on fire insurance premiums.

It was announced, as information, by Mr. Herring that drawings for the two new libraries were almost complete and the small track of land in question in Westminster has been resolved.

Mrs. Ann Yelton introduced the Members of the Oconee Childrens Home Governing Board. Mr. Thomas moved to give this Board the authority to solicit funds for the Home and use them for the needs of the children there. These donations will be turned in to the Treasurers Office, Mrs. Sibley will keep the balance and checks written upon approval of the Board. Mr. Bailes seconded and the motion was carried. It was announced that \$475 in donations is already on hand.

The following update was given by Mr. Lay:

1. The office for State funded Housing Assistance will be open in Council Chambers December 14th and will be open each Wednesday thereafter from 9 to 4 to take applications for this assistance and interviews.

2. The deadline for tax assessment affidavits was November 30th and a total of 92 were filed totaling \$3,861 by persons who did not receive a form and a total of 19 totaling \$494 were filed by persons who returned the form but it could not be located.

The following announcements were made by Mr. Phinney:

1. The approval of the new landfill was received November 18th and preparations are now being made for the trenches.

2. Council Members are invited to the ground breaking for the new water plant in Westminster Friday December 9th at 12 P.M.

3. Christmas holidays will be December 23 and 26

4. Payroll checks will be ready December 22nd

The CCS Commission has requested some \$900 for paying overtime to their employees who will be working over the holidays. Mr. Bailes suggested this be referred to Mr. Moore for authorization. It was agreed.